

# **CITY OF CABOT**

## **Meeting Minutes**

February 19, 2007 – 7:00 P.M.

### **I. Call to order**

Mayor Eddie Joe Williams called to order the regular meeting of the City of Cabot at 7:00 p.m. on February 19, 2007 in Council Chambers at the City Annex Building. Opening prayer was given by Chaplain Amy Hunt from Little Rock Air Force Base and Girl Scouts Troop 163 led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **II. Roll call**

Clerk Verkler conducted a roll call. The following persons were present: Mayor Williams, City Attorney Taylor, City Clerk-Treasurer Verkler, and Aldermen Cook, Long, LeMaster, Meissner, Armstrong, Williams, and Teague. Brickell was absent due to illness.

### **III. Approval of minutes from last meeting and other matters**

Motion by Cook, second by Armstrong, to approve the minutes of the January regular and special meetings. All voted aye. Brigadier General Kip Self, Commander 314<sup>th</sup> Wing and Installation Commander of Little Rock Air Force Base spoke to the council and the citizens about what an important role Cabot has played supporting the air base. He thanked the city for their support. Mayor Williams presented General Self with the Key to the City.

Mayor Williams asked for a motion to amend the agenda and move Resolution No. 8 of 2007 to the top of the agenda. Motion by Meissner, second by Cook to amend the agenda as stated. All voted aye.

RESOLUTION NO. 8 OF 2007 – A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING RICK HOUSE AND LAMBHOUSE, INC. FOR A RANDOM ACT OF KINDNESS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES was read by Verkler. Motion by LeMaster, second by Williams, to adopt the resolution. All voted aye. House and his organization were recognized for making repairs to the home of a family suffering from the effects of cancer without charging them any money.

Motion to amend the agenda and move Items G and H below Item J to keep the ordinances and resolutions in order was made by Long and seconded by Armstrong. All voted aye.

Motion to read all ordinances and resolutions by title only for this meeting was made by Long and seconded by Meissner. All voted aye

#### IV. Planning Commission

- a) ORDINANCE NO. 5 OF 2007 – AN ORDINANCE REZONING PROPERTY LOCATED AT HWY. 367 SOUTH LOT 1 FROM R-1 TO C-2; AMENDING THE LAND USE PLAN; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES was read by Verkler. Motion by Long, second by Meissner to suspend the rules of the second and third readings of the ordinance. All voted aye. Motion by Armstrong, second by LeMaster to adopt the ordinance. All voted aye. Motion by LeMaster, second by Teague, to adopt the emergency clause of the ordinance. All voted aye.
- b) ORDINANCE NO. 6 OF 2007 – AN ORDINANCE REZONING PROPERTY LOCATED AT HWY. 367 SOUTH (TOMMIE BEAUDRY PROPERTY) FROM R-1 TO C-2; AMENDING THE LAND USE PLAN; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND OTHER PURPOSES was read by Verkler. Motion by Meissner, second by Cook to suspend the rules of the second and third readings of the ordinance. All voted aye. Motion by Cook, second by LeMaster, to adopt the ordinance. All voted aye. Motion by Long, second by Cook, to strike the emergency clause from the ordinance because it was not needed. All voted aye.
- c) ORDINANCE NO. 7 OF 2007 – AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN TERRITORY TO THE CITY OF CABOT, ARKANSAS AND MAKING SAME A PART OF THE CITY OF CABOT, ARKANSAS, AND ASSIGNING SAME TO WARDS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES was read by Verkler. Motion by Long, second by Teague, to suspend the rules of the second and third readings of the ordinance. All voted aye. Long made a point that annexations cannot be passed with an emergency clause. Motion by Long, second by Meissner, to adopt the ordinance without the emergency clause. All voted aye.

#### V. Old Business

- a) Motion to withdraw Resolution 60 of 2006 and Ordinance 80 of 2006 was made by LeMaster and seconded by Meissner. All voted aye.
- b) Motion to withdraw Ordinance No. 71 of 2006 was made by Long and seconded by Meissner. All voted aye.

#### VI. New Business

- a) RESOLUTION NO. 4 - A RESOLUTION APPOINTING ALDERMAN LISA BRICKELL AS PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE FOR THE CITY COUNCIL, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES was read by Verkler. RESOLUTION NO. 5 OF 2007 – A RESOLUTION APPOINTING COUNCIL MEMBERS TO COMMITTEES IN ACCORDANCE WITH ORDINANCE NO. 3 OF 2007; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES was read by Verkler. RESOLUTION NO. 6 OF 2007 – A RESOLUTION APPOINTING BECKY LEMASTER TO THE CABOT PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES was read by Verkler. RESOLUTION NO. 7 OF 2007 – A RESOLUTION APPOINTING JOHN STEPHEN TIPTON TO THE CABOT PARKS AND

RECREATION COMMISSION, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES was read by Verkler. Motion by Long, second by Teague, to adopt all four resolutions. All voted aye.

- b) ORDINANCE NO. 8 OF 2007 – AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$250,000.00 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ASSISTING LONOKE COUNTY WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF A BRIDGE TO OPEN THE ACCESS ROAD BETWEEN HIGHWAY 5 AND WAL-MART; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES was read by Verkler. Motion by Long, second by Meissner, to suspend the rules of the second and third reading of the ordinance. All voted aye. Motion by Cook, second by Meissner, to adopt the ordinance. All voted aye. The emergency clause was not needed.
- c) ORDINANCE NO. 9 OF 2007 – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2007; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES was read by Verkler. Motion and second to suspend readings made by Meissner and LeMaster as well as motion and second to adopt by Cook and Meissner were later withdrawn after discussion as to whether an ordinance can be amended by a resolution. Motion by LeMaster, second by Cook, to send the ordinance to the budget committee for further study. All voted aye
- d) RESOLUTION NO. 9 OF 2007 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR ACCEPTANCE INTO THE ARKANSAS DOWNTOWN NETWORK. AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE ANY DOCUMENTS NECESSARY FOR SAID CONTRACT; AMENDING THE BUDGET; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES was read by Verkler. Motion by Meissner, second by Armstrong, to adopt the resolution. All voted aye.
- e) RESOLUTION NO. 10 OF 2007 – A RESOLUTION TO LEASE THE COMMUNITY BANK PROPERTY AT #1 CITY PLAZA TO THE CABOT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE ANY DOCUMENTS NECESSARY FOR SAID LEASE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES was read by Verkler. Motion by LeMaster, second by Cook, to adopt the resolution. All voted aye except Meissner, who abstained.
- f) RESOLUTION NO. 11 OF 2007 – A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2007; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES was read by Verkler. Since there was a question earlier in the meeting as to whether a resolution could amend an ordinance, Armstrong moved for the matter to be tabled. Cook seconded the motion and all voted aye.
- g) ORDINANCE NO. 10 OF 2007 – AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A NEW PERSONNEL HANDBOOK; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES was read by Verkler. Motion by Meissner, second by LeMaster, to suspend the rules of the second and third readings of the ordinance. All voted aye. Motion by Meissner, second by LeMaster, to adopt the ordinance. All voted aye. The emergency clause was not needed.

VII. Community Input

- a) Girl Scout Troop leaders asked the council to reconsider the four month time limit on certificates of registration to collect monies for charitable purposes. Ken Williams, committee chair said that his committee would look into the matter and come back at the next meeting with a decision.
- b) Committee meetings were announced. Budget and Personnel – March 5 at 6p.m. in the conference room at city hall; Public Works – March 2 at 6:30 p.m. at the public works building, and Police and Fire, Thursday after the council meeting.
- c) Council Woman LeMaster thanked the Brigadier General for coming to the meeting.
- d) Long asked that committee chairs set regular dates for meetings. The Mayor told the council that the information for all meetings will go through Irene. Terri Meissner asked if meetings could be held after 6:00 p.m.

VIII. Adjournment

Motion by Cook, second by Williams, to adjourn the meeting. All voted aye. Mayor Williams adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

CERTIFICATE

We, the undersigned Mayor and City Clerk-Treasurer for the City of Cabot do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct record of the proceedings of the City of Cabot Regular Meeting held on Monday, February 19, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.

	
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Eddie Joe Williams, Mayor	Marva Verkler, City Clerk-Treasurer